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SUBJECT: POLICY STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY

1. DURING COURSE INTERVIEW WITH AHRAM'S EDITOR IN CHIEF AND SENIOR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT MAY 31, FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY MADE IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT. FULL TEXT WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SENT TO DEPT BY AIRGRAM. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS.

- 2. FM SAID GOE FOREIGN POLICY FOLLOWS NATIONAL OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EGYPTIANS AND OF ARAB PEOPLE. THUS UNIFIED ARAB ACTION IS A STRATEGIC NOT TACTICAL OBJECTIVE. ORGANIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND ARAB WORLD IS NOT MERE SLOGAN BUT OUTCOME OF PROFOUND CONVICTION. ARAB WORLD CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT EGYPT AND VICE VERSA.
- 3. CONTINUING, FM SAID OCTOBER VICTORY WAS RADICAL TURNING POINT. GOE FOREIGN POLICY HAS CHANGED FROM MERE REACTION TO ONE OF "INITIATIVE". FIRST BENEFICIARY OF "NO WAR NO PEACE" HAD BEEN ISRAEL. THUS DECISION BY SADAT AND ASAD TO BREAK THROUGH PSYCHOLOGY WHICH HAD "FROZEN US POLITICALLY AND MENTALLY" WAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE.
- 4. FM LISTED "DIVERSIFICATION AND INTENSIFICATION" OF GOE RELATIONS WITH WORLD COUNTRIES AS IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF GOE. HE EMPHASIZED, TOO, THAT PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT TO WHICH EGYPT HAS SUBSCRIBED IS CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND WITH EGYPT'S DETERMINATION NOT TO BE A "ZONE OF INFLUENCE" FOR ANY WORLD POWER.
- 5. ON PALESTINE, FAHMY SAID LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS FUNDAMENTAL GOE AND ARAB OVJECTIVE. PROBLEM IS NOT MERELY A PROBLEM OF REFUGEES. REFERRING TO SC RESOLUTION 242 FM SAID GOE APPROVAL IS BASED ON "MAIN PRINCIPLES" OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, INCLUDING NON-ADMISSIBILITY OF CONQUEST OF LAND BY FORCE.
 6. OCTOBER WAR CAUSED BASIC CHANGE IN SECURE BORDER ISSUE.
 BORDERS CANNOT BE "UNJUST OR IMPROVISED", BUT MUST BE POLITICAL BORDERS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY. TERRITORIAL SAFETY CAN BE ASSURED BY "INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE" PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY MAJOR POWERS, THE SC OR THE UN.
- 7. AS STATED PREVIOUSLY BY SADAT, EGYPT WILL RETURN TO GENEVA CONFERENCE "IN DUE COURSE" AND IN COMPANY OF SYRIA, PALESTINE AND JORDAN.
- 8. EGYPT'S PRINCIPLES REQUIRE HER AND ALL ARAB STATES TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH WORLD COUNTRIES. EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES WELCOME DIALOGUE WITH EUROPE AND HAVE BEGUN SET UP UNCLASSIFIED

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BILATERAL COMMITTEES, TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC , CULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

9. ARMS RACE IS OPEN TO ALL. WITH CONTINUING MILITARY TRAINING AND ARAB SOLIDARITY, ISRAEL WILL BE UNABLE KEEP PACE IF SHE DEPENDS ONLY ON POWER OF ARMS. TO BE MORE FRANK, FM CONTINUED, EGYPTIANS AND ARABS HAVE SCIENTISTS (WHOSE PRESENCE) ENABLES THEM (I.E. ARABS) TO INTRODUCE INTO BATTLE "ANY KIND OF

WEAPON, REGARDLESS OF ITS GRAVITY"; THIS "DEPENDS ON ISRAELI BEHAVIOR IN DANGEROUS FIELD OF ARMS."

10. EGYPT WILL CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND CANNOT FORGET THOSE WHICH HELPED IN "CONSTRUCTION", STRENGTHENING OF ARMED FORCES, AND INDUSTRIALIZATION.
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